



Drinking Water Quality – Public Notification

What is a Public Notification?

Public Notification (PN) is intended to ensure that consumers will always know if there is a problem with their drinking water. When a violation occurs, people who consume/drink the water have a right to know what happened and what they need to do. The [OPNAVINST 5090.1C](#) and [MCO P5090.2A CH-2](#) for Navy and Marine Corps CONUS installations, respectively, direct the owner or operator of a public water system (PWS) to notify consumers when they violate drinking water quality standards (including required monitoring requirements). This requirement is based on the May 2000 updated [Public Notification Rule](#), as required by the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments.

For OCONUS DoD water systems, the Overseas Environmental Baseline Guidance Document ([DOD 4715.05-G](#), Chapter 3, section C3.3.3. Notification Requirements) requires notification to the appropriate medical authority and consumers (U.S. and host nation) when the water system is out of compliance. The medical authority is responsible for providing public health advice and consultation on drinking water quality concerns to consumers and the Installation Commanding Officer, and should assist their Environmental and Public Works counterparts as applicable.

[Where can I find basic information on the Public Notification Rule?](#) (click)

[Where can I find compliance help for the Public Notification Rule?](#) (click)

Drinking Water Advice and Consultation Sources
► Contact your Installation Medical Treatment Facility's Preventive Medicine office
► Contact your cognizant NEPMU
► Visit Navy & Marine Corps Public Health Center Webpage

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